

REMARKS

Claim 7 has instantly been amended. Support for this amendment is found at page 38, lines 9-11 and 64, lines 10-12 of the present specification. The scope of the present invention has not been reduced and/or this amendment has not been made for the sake of patentability. No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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